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Towards human-compatible autonomous car: A study of modified Turing test in automated driving with affective variability modelling

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Background

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Automated driving have the potential to increase road safety, as they can react faster than human drivers and are not subject to human errors.

* World Health Organization. (2018). Global status report on road safety 2018.



Despite the potential benefits, there is no large scale deployment of autonomous cars (ACs) yet.

Existing literature has highlighted that the acceptance of the AC will increase if it drives in a human-like manner.

However, literature presents no human-subject research focusing on passengers in a natural environment that examines whether the AC should behave in a human-like manner. How to offer naturalistic experiences from a passenger's seat perspective to measure the people's acceptance of ACs?

The modified Turing test of automated driving



Results of the modified Turing test

Confusion matrix of three road stages for the results in the Turing test



How do human passengers choose in the modified Turing test of automated driving?

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Comparison on the Outer Loop Cross-Validation of Nested-LOOCV with Baselines

Models	ACC	Р	R	F1	rho
Baselines					
Random	33.27	33.21	33.25	32.27	0.07
Probability	36.14	33.24	33.26	33.00	-0.68
Golden	38.24	24.47	36.51	28.79	14.91
SDT-AV					
Original	33.82	27.36	28.21	27.09	16.31
PLM-tf (AA)	51.47	50.71	51.11	50.30	38.75**
PLM-tf (AA+OF)	54.41	50.94	50.08	50.37	38.96**

(a) Evaluation results on the first stage.

Comparison on the Outer Loop Cross-Validation of Nested-LOOCV with Baselines

M	(b) Evalua	,e.				
Baseline Rai	Models	ACC	Р	R	F1	rho
Prot	Baselines					
G	Random	33.35	33.37	33.36	32.15	0.15
	Probability	37.71	33.55	33.58	33.32	0.25
SDI-A	Golden	44.12	26.67	36.03	30.62	3.94
PLM	SDT-AV	Ī				
PLM-tf	Original	45.59	41.20	37.19	36.92	15.43
	PLM-tf (AA)	57.35	56.65	53.80	54.59	29 70*
	PLM-tf (AA+OF)	63.24	59.74	56.62	57.48	41.20***

(a) Evaluation results on the first stage.

Comparison on the Outer Loop Cross-Validation of Nested-LOOCV with Baselines

M	(b) Evaluation results on the second stage.						
Baseline Rai	N	(c) Evaluation results on the third stage.					
Proł	Baseliı R	Models	ACC	Р	R	F1	rho
G	Pro	Baselines					
SDT-AV	C	Random	33.40	33.34	33.39	32.66	-0.58
Or	CDT (Probability	35.14	33.13	33.16	32.87	-0.15
PLM	5 <i>D1-7</i>	Golden	47.69	31.94	44.56	36.52	31.68*
PLM-tf	PLN	SDT-AV					
ſ	PLM-	Original	53.85	48.84	45.62	45.42	27.54*
		PLM-tf (AA)	52.31	49.65	49.81	49.67	37.90**
		PLM-tf (AA+OF)	55.38	51.81	51.56	51.67	46.31***

(a) Evaluation results on the first stage.

Comparison of the proportion of choices between model simulations (blue) and

empirically observed choices (red)



Representational similarity between the representational similarity matrix (RSM)

of empirically observed choices (left) and model simulations (right) averaged



over all participants.

Correlations between choice of response and affective variability The Spearman's rank correlation score between

the gold labels and the magnitude of affective variability (AV)



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Ordinal logistic regression analysis of model simulations

Coeff.	β (SE)	t Value	OR (95% CI)	p Value	
I (1 2)	-2.31 (0.47)	-4.92		<.0001***	
I (2 3)	0.40 (0.31)	1.26		.208	
PA	1.49 (0.32)	4.66	4.42 (2.47-8.72)	<.0001***	15
NA	0.31 (0.29)	1.08	1.37 (0.78-2.47)	.28	
OF	1.29 (0.34)	3.74	3.62 (1.93-7.54)	<.001***	2n

(a) Results of OLR predicting simulated labels on the first stage.

(b) Results of OLR predicting simulated labels on the second stage. 3rd

Coeff.	β (SE)	t Value	OR (95% CI)	p Value	
I (1 2)	-3.85 (0.85)	-4.55		<.0001***	1st
I (2 3)	-1.72 (0.65)	-2.67		.008**	
PA	1.55 (0.42)	3.65	4.70 (2.23-12.11)	<.001***	2na
NA	2.57 (1.17)	2.19	13.11 (2.10-226.37)	.028*	
OF	2.12 (0.61)	3.47	8.37 (3.04-35.96)	<.001***	3rd

(c) Results of OLR predicting simulated labels on the third stage.

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Coeff.	β (SE)	t Value	OR (95% CI)	p Value	151
I (1 2)	-1.35 (0.33)	-4.04		<.0001***	2na
I (2 3)	0.80 (0.30)	2.63		.009**	
PA	0.49 (0.26)	1.86	1.63 (0.98-2.78)	.062	3rd
NA	1.09 (0.38)	2.83	2.97 (1.56-7.14)	.005**	
OF	0.77 (0.26)	2.93	2.15 (1.31-3.69)	.003**	



Contributions and implications

In the present study, for the first time, we examined whether the current SAE Level 4 AC could pass the modified Turing test of automated driving from the perspective of passive passengers in a real road scenario.

On the basis of the classical Lewin's equation, we propose a model combining SDT with AV (transformed by PLMs) to predict the passenger's choice behaviour in the Turing test. This is, to the best of our knowledge, the first computational model which provides a mechanistic understanding underlying passengers' mentalising process.

Our results shed light on the direction of future automated driving, which should improve the affective stability of passengers. Considering the fact that machines take on increasingly social roles, our suggestion may not be limited to automated driving but the whole realm of human machine interactions.

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Searle's Chinese room thought experiment

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We just focused on the modified Turing test for the narrow or weak AI agent in the non-social context.

A validation test would be crucial in future work to test whether our findings will remain.

Limitations and future work

We only used self-reported scores to measure the emotion experiences of passengers, which limits our adventure towards the brain mechanisms supporting passengers' mentalising process in the Turing test.











(Dillen et al, 2020)

(Aspinall et al, 2013)

(Piper et al, 2014) 14